

St. Monica's School Weekly Newsletter

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Christmas

This will be the last newsletter of 2019. The staff at St Monica's would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Many thanks for your generosity over these last few weeks with the retiring collections and for all your kind gifts. It is a gift to work in a school with such lovely children and generous parents! Thank you all!



SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note after school clubs (school run) will resume on the following dates:

Choir – Wednesday 8th January.
Football (Year 6 Girls) – Monday 6th January
Football (Year 6 Boys) – Wednesday 8th January
Guitar – Tuesday 14th January
Netball – Tuesday 7th January
Strings – Thursday 16th January
Tiger Team – w/c 13th January

THANK YOU!

I just want to say I feel blessed with all the love and support I have received from the wonderful mums (and dads) of Iruo's classmates. It's been a terrible time but you have stood by us in your prayers, thoughts, visits and other kind gestures. You've been so amazing. Can I say the same to the parents in other classes and to all the wonderful staff. I am indeed overwhelmed with all the support you've given us at this time. You have put a smile on Iruo's face and we strongly feel your love, thoughts and prayers. You've all been a blessing. May God bless you and your families in a special way this Christmas, Lots of love – Eseteru,, Iruo & Mena xxx

PENCIL CASES

Reminder – All Junior children are expected to have a fully stocked pencil case in school at all times. Please include pens, pencils and a glue stick.

Save the date

We have booked an expert in online safety to come and talk to parents on 27th February at 7pm. Parents are strongly urged to attend as they will be giving the most up to date tips on how to keep your children safe online. Parents with children in Year 5 & 6 are especially invited to come. The class who has the most parents attending will get a non-uniform day as a reward for attending.

HAMPER APPEAL

I would like to thank one of our parents, Rosie Hurndall who initiated the hamper project for children in need. Her generosity and that of the many parents and children who supported her has humbled us all. Thank you Rosie for galvanising us all into action! We look forward to doing this again next year.

Mrs Baptiste

It's been a whirlwind and a very emotional three days. In total 168 hampers have been sent to local families across the borough. I want to thank everyone for taking part, it was an idea I had and has only been made possible by the sheer generosity and kindness from people who donated, who helped make the hampers and deliver them. I'm truly grateful and already the feedback is somewhat overwhelming. The hall was full of parents and children from the school all kindly helping, the children played such a key role in this which was part of my aim. They really believe they have gained so much from it, as we all have.

The true spirit of Christmas!

Rosie x

Christmas Lunch

The hall was decorated and the children enjoyed their Christmas lunch on Wednesday with party hats and balloons! Well done to our cook Lindsey and her staff who cooked a total of 44 staff and 398 pupil dinners that day!

Diary Dates

- **Monday 6th January** – School resumes at normal time
- **Thursday 9th January** – Mass in school for pupils & staff to celebrate the start of the new year
- **Friday 10th January** – Reception 2020 Open Afternoon at 1.30pm for prospective parents

MONEY

The Spring term amounts due for school meals are as follows:

6th Jan – 14th Feb - £75.60

24th Feb – 3rd Apr - £75.60

Also please remember dinner money is payable in advance.

Many thanks!

Pantomime!

The children and staff were thoroughly entertained on Monday with the pantomime of 'Beauty & the Beast'. Thanks very much to The Friends who pay for this treat each year.

RECONCILIATION

On Thursday children from classes 5G, 5Y & 6Y had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Thank you to Fr Mehall & Fr Stewart and Fr Chinedu & Fr Michalek priests from neighbouring parishes who came to provide this.

ADVENT PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
Wise men travelled for miles to bring you the first Christmas presents. So may we too, remember with thankful hearts the love that comes with each present we open. We also thank you for the amazing love you have for each of us, and we thank you for the many gifts that you give us. Amen

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year, see you all in 2020!